

effects of clandestine methamphetamine labs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 101

Whereas, There is a meth epidemic in the United States, and it is having a devastating effect on our country. Meth abuse is causing social, economic, and environmental problems. Children residing in homes with meth labs live in danger and often suffer from neglect and abuse. Meth production costs citizens and governments millions of dollars for a variety of reasons, including law enforcement costs, drug treatment for offenders, cleanup of production sites, and placement of endangered children; and

Whereas, Meth labs leave behind a toxic mess of chemicals and pose a significant danger to communities. The manufacture of one pound of methamphetamine results in six pounds of waste. These wastes include corrosive liquids, acid vapors, heavy metals, solvents, and other harmful materials that can disfigure skin or cause death. Hazardous materials from meth labs are typically disposed of illegally and may cause severe damage to the environment; and

Whereas, Between 1992 and 2004, the number of clandestine meth lab-related cleanups increased from 394 to over 10,000 nationwide. The cost of cleaning up clandestine labs in FY 2004 was approximately \$17.8 million; and

Whereas, States and local governments are bearing the burden of funding the cleanup efforts. Many local communities are finding and seizing meth labs. The lab sites remain dangerous to the public, however, because neither the state or the local community has adequate funding to clean them up; and

Whereas, The Combat Meth Act of 2005, which was recently signed into law as a part of the USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, authorizes cleanup funding, but only for areas designated "Meth Hot Spots." The meth epidemic is a national crisis, however, and scores of states and local governments across the country are in dire need of funding to help clean up clandestine labs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Congress to provide funding for meth lab cleanup that is available to all states and local governments that are in the midst of the meth epidemic; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-315. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to increasing the penalties imposed upon a person who vandalizes a national war memorial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 628

Whereas, The Civil War is the bloodiest and most tragic war in which this country has ever engaged, and indisputably its worst conflagration occurred July 1 through 3, 1863, in Gettysburg; and

Whereas, there were more than 52,000 human casualties during this three-day event, and nearly every Civil War unit for the North and for the South was engaged; and

Whereas, in the years following the war and continuing through the 1990s with the 1993 dedication of the Friend to Friend Memorial, war memorials have been erected by private donations, publicly dedicated and maintained by the National Park Service as testimony of the sacrifices made by those who fought at Gettysburg; and

Whereas, on February 15, 2006, three Civil War monuments on the Gettysburg Battlefield were vandalized heinously, one representing the 114th PVI Pennsylvania monument and two others representing New York and Massachusetts; and

Whereas, this vandalism demonstrates that present penalties are insufficient to deter such actions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase the minimum fines and other minimum penalties for vandalizing a national war memorial; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-316. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, State of New Jersey relative to opposing New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Metropolitan Airspace Redesign proposals of the Federal Aviation Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-317. A resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield, State of New Jersey relative to opposing New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Metropolitan Airspace Redesign proposals of the Federal Aviation Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-318. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana relative to enacting the "Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI for the committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2774. A bill to ensure efficiency and fairness in the awarding of Federal contracts in connection with Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2775. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on electrical radio broadcast receivers not combined with a clock; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2776. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on electrical radio broadcast

receivers combined with a clock; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2777. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on hand-held radio scanners; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2778. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2779. A bill to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (by request):

S. 2780. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to advance cooperative conservation efforts, to reduce barriers to the formation and use of partnerships to enable Federal environmental stewardship agencies to meet the conservation goals and obligations of the agencies, to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2781. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BOND, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2782. A bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KYL):

S. Res. 472. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. TALENT, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 473. A resolution designating May 14, 2006, as "National Police Survivors Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr.